

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>			Docket No. RII-003CPUS		
Application No. 09/719277-Conf. #7039	Filing Date April 13, 2001	Examiner T. Brown	Art Unit 1648		
Applicant(s):   Andrea D. BRANCH <i>et al.</i>					
Invention:   NOVEL HEPATITIS C VIRUS PEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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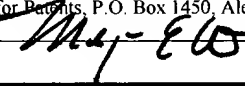
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2005.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.